

DOCKET NOS. 2000-450-W & 2000-451-W - ORDER NO. 2000-874

IN RE: **Docket No. 2000-450-W** - Application of) ORDER ✓
Cassique Water Co., LLC for Approval of an) CONSOLIDATING
Establishment to Provide Water Service and) MATTERS FOR
for Approval of Agreements Related to Water) HEARING PURPOSES
Service in Charleston County, South Carolina.) AND ESTABLISHING
) PREFILING DATES FOR
AND) TESTIMONY AND
) EXHIBITS
Docket No. 2000-451-W - Application of)
Kiawah Island Utility, Inc. for Approval of)
Water Purchase and Treatment Agreements.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the motion of the Commission Staff to combine the matters in these two Dockets for hearing purposes. Commission Regulation 103-864 states that the Commission, upon its own motion or upon motion by any party, may order two or more formal proceedings involving a similar question of law or fact to be consolidated for hearing where rights of the parties or the public interest will not be prejudiced by such procedure.

Upon reflection, we believe that the two instant Dockets meet the criteria set out by the statute. The two Dockets involve questions of the approval of agreements between the two entities, Cassique Water Co., LLC and Kiawah Island Utility, Inc. Further, we do not believe that any prejudice would result to the rights of the parties or to the public

interest. Therefore, we grant the Staff's motion, and hold that the matters and, therefore, the proceedings shall be consolidated for hearing purposes.

This matter is also before the Commission for the purpose of establishing pre-filing deadlines for testimony and exhibits. Pursuant to 26 S.C. Regs. 103-869(C)(Supp.1999), the Commission hereby orders that twenty-five copies of the testimony and exhibits of the Applicants shall be prefiled on or before **November 15, 2000**, and that twenty-five copies of the testimony and exhibits of the Commission Staff and/or intervenors shall be pre-filed on or before **November 29, 2000**. (Material may be post-marked on these dates.) Also, any rebuttal testimony and exhibits shall be pre-filed on or before **December 6, 2000**, and any surrebuttal testimony and exhibits shall be pre-filed on or before **December 11, 2000**. (Material must be in the offices of the Commission and in the hands of the parties on these dates.) It should be noted that acceptance into the record of surrebuttal testimony and exhibits is subject to the discretion of the Commission. In addition, parties shall serve their pre-filed testimony and exhibits on all other parties of record as required by the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All parties are reminded that all witnesses must be present during any hearing in this matter at the call of the Chairman, or the Commission may decline to allow the witnesses' testimony to be read into the record of the proceeding, and/or may decline to allow the witnesses' exhibits to be entered into the evidence of the case.

Please take notice that any party requesting modification of this schedule must file a request for such modification with the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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